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IN RE APPLICATION OF:
V. Raman Sukumar, M.D.

APPLICATION NO.: 10/821,678

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EXAMINER: RALPH J. GITOMER

TITLE: MOBILE INTRA-OPERATIVE
MICROSCOPIC DIAGNOSIS
LABORATORY

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DATE: September 8, 2006

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
P. O. Box 1450
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RESPONSE

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 8, 2006.

Election/Restriction:

The Examiner required a restriction of Claims 1 – 10 and 11 – 16 on the grounds that the apparatus of Claims 1 – 10 is related to the process of Claims 11 – 16. Applicant elects to proceed with the apparatus Claims 1 – 10. Claims 11 – 16 are withdrawn. The Applicant does not agree that the process as claimed can be practiced by another materially different apparatus or by hand in a laboratory without the apparatus covered by Claims 1 – 10. In Claim 11, the freezing is required to take place in a mobile laboratory, which would require the apparatus of Claim 1 – 10. Nevertheless, Applicant has made an election with traverse to proceed on Claims 1 – 10.

Respectfully submitted,


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Title of the Invention: Mobile Intra-Operative Microscopic Diagnosis Laboratory

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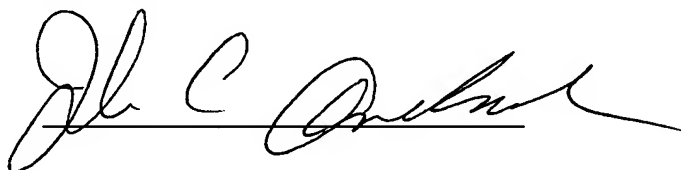
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